

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given
by Bettie Liebzeit
to the Glory of God and
in memory of her husband, Jim
and in honor of their wedding anniversary on July 26.

To donate flowers, please contact Becky Kirtley at 252-331-3431.

LICENSES

Some music for our worship experience is offered with express
permissions granted by One License A-734965.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne — *Lead Pastor*
Rev. Erin Yow — *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Steve Coss — *Associate Pastor*
Michael S. Brannon — *Director of Music*
Keith Anderson — Guest Pianist;
Hannah Rhodes, soprano; Erik Rhodes, saxophone — *Musicians*
Joy Williams — *Reader*
Kelly Case — *Altar Guild Volunteer*
Jason Gardner, Keith Anderson — *Sound Technicians*

GIVING

To support the ministries and missions of
First United Methodist Church, place a gift
in the offering plate, give online through the
QR code below, send a check to the church, or
give through regular bank drafts.
Thank you for your generosity.



JUNE 2025 GIVING

Funds Needed - \$105, 833
Funds Received - \$81,168.27

2025 YTD GIVING

Funds Needed - \$635,000
Funds Received - \$560,181.45



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JULY 20 2025
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Opening Voluntary If With All Your Hearts from Elijah Felix Mendelssohn

Call to Worship from Isaiah 49

When you are tempted to say, "The Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me,"
remember what the Lord says:

**"I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands." I will never forget you or delay in
coming to your aid. "Then all flesh shall know that I am the Lord your Savior, and your
Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."**

†Hymn 117 O God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!**

**Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all who breathe away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

†Affirmation of Faith

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

† Please rise in body
or in spirit

†Responsorial Hymn 71

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-3, 5-7, 18-19

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Moving Forward

Rev. Erin Yow

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

†Hymn 529

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

Invitation to Offering

Solo

I’m a-Rolling

Spiritual

†Hymn 95

Doxology

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us, not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

SENDING FORTH

†Hymn 383

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

BEGINNINGS

This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that’s gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus, God’s mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit’s daring, step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

†Dismissal with Blessing

Closing Voluntary

Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit

Spiritual

As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins; we depart to be the church in the world.

The closing voluntary is offered as the final act of praise of God. Go forth as the music ends to continue praising the Lord with your life.